



SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT 1242 SOUTH COLORADO ST.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 1242 South Colorado St., the Graham White Manufacturing Company, on Friday night at approximately 10:15 p.m. No one was in the building at the time of the fire, and there were no injuries.

The first unit arrived within five minutes of receiving the call and found a moderate amount of smoke throughout the building. Firefighters quickly located a piece of machinery inside the facility that was on fire and they were able to quickly extinguish it with the help of the building's sprinkler system that kept the fire from spreading.

It took firefighters approximately 15 minutes to locate and extinguish the fire and roughly one hour to remove the smoke from the building.

Approximately 23 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Tower 1, Medic 802 & Medic 803), the Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1), and the Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department (Air 9) responded to the call. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue (Tanker 9) stood by and covered additional emergency calls for the City of Salem.

The fire remains under investigation by the Salem Fire Marshal's Office, and there is no damage estimate at this time.

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